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Thursday - 30 July 1970

25X1 1. [] Attempted without success to arrange a meeting with Senator Margaret Chase Smith (R., Maine) to discuss the problem of Agency exposure in the upcoming military authorization debates. Senator Smith's office said that she was still recuperating from recent surgery, visiting her office only briefly each day, and couldn't see me until late next week.

25X1 2. [] Called Mr. Kenneth Harkins, of the
25X1 staff of Representative Celler's subcommittee investigating []
[] and told him that on the basis of some consultations on the matter the Director believed he would have to stand on the unclassified letter to Chairman Celler and not provide any classified supplementary material. However, I said the Director had been called to San Clemente and would not be able to give a definitive reply to Mr. Celler until his return tomorrow or the first of next week. Harkins thanked me for the call but offered no further comment.

25X1 3. [] Met with Senator Milton Young (R., N. D.) with whom I reviewed the problem of the possible inquiry into Agency operations, budget, etc., during the current military authorization bill debate. Young was completely sympathetic and asked whether we should alert Senator Ellender to the problem. Young said he personally couldn't be sure how Ellender would react. I suggested, and Young agreed, that we take this up first with [] upon his return from sick leave.

25X1A I briefed Young on recent information regarding a new Soviet installation in the Middle East area. Young said he would appreciate our providing him with a fact sheet listing indications of expanding Soviet worldwide deployment, continuing Soviet weapons development and, if possible, information on the scope and cost of Soviet intelligence operations which he could use in the debate in question. He wants all this information in unclassified form, although he might use classified supplementary material in executive session. He doesn't want extensive details but simply a few illustrative facts in outline form to show how the Soviets are moving forward in their military, paramilitary, subversive and intelligence activities while we are talking about cutting back.

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Tuesday - 28 July 1970

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1. [] Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and brought him up to date on discussions with Chairman Mahon concerning the funding of Thai military units. Mr. Preston pointed out that he was sure the Chairman would be in accord, but that he had not mentioned it since the meeting. I briefed Mr. Preston on Egyptian air activity and Soviet construction in the Middle East.

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4. [] As a follow up to the earlier discussions, Edward Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, called and told me Senator Stennis would appreciate a briefing on the Agency budget at 10:00 a.m., tomorrow morning in room 210-B Old Senate Office Building. After talking to Colonel White, I confirmed that Colonel White, John Clarke, and John M. Maury would meet with Mr. Braswell and the Senator tomorrow morning at the suggested time.

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Monday - 27 July 1970

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1. [] Talked to [] of Office of Logistics, who told me he talked to [] of [] Idaho concerning his application for employment and advised him that the employment is under active consideration. [] was recommended by Representative James A. McClure (R., Idaho). (See Journal item of 2 June 1970.)

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2. [] Talked to Miss Justine Snipes, Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee staff, who told me that a Subcommittee meeting for consideration of S. 782 has not been rescheduled. The last scheduled meeting on the bill on Thursday, 23 July, was canceled in favor of continuing consideration of the postal reform measure.

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3. [] Accompanied Mr. [] who, in response to Senator Stennis' request, briefed the Senator and Mr. Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, on the Middle East, Laos, Thailand and Cambodia. The Senator explained he wished to be up-to-date on all of these subjects in connection with the current Senate debates on the Defense Procurement bill.

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Friday - 24 July 1970

- 25X1 1. [] Received a call from Representative John O. Marsh (D., Va.), who wanted to know when Ambassador Godley would be leaving the city and the appropriate channel for getting in contact with him. On the advice of [] FE Division, I passed the word back to Representative Marsh that Frank Burnett (telephone: 101-21449) of the Laos Desk at Department of State is the control officer for Ambassador Godley's visit.
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- 25X1 2. [] Received a call from Mr. James Rhomberger, who identified himself as an Assistant to Senator Hugh Scott (R., Pa.), who asked how to contact Air America concerning a constituent query about employment with Air America. I gave Mr. Rhomberger Air America's address and telephone number. He will contact them directly. [] has been advised.
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- 25X1 3. [] Received a call from Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, who relayed Senator John Stennis' (D., Miss.) request for a briefing Monday morning on the Middle East, Laos, and Thailand. After checking with Mr. Maury and alerting [] I confirmed the meeting with Mr. Braswell for 10:30 a.m. Mr. Braswell expressed his appreciation for the quick response.
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- 25X1 4. [] Dorothy Biard, in the office of Representative Jim Wright (D., Texas), called and requested a sample of English-language broadcasts from Hanoi which they could send to a radio and TV station in Fort Worth, Texas which is doing a study of reporting in the news media. Miss Biard indicated that they were not interested in any particular theme, but did wish to receive something from the Hanoi area. []
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Thursday - 23 July 1970

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Marcy added that the Committee was extremely pleased over its present relations with the Agency and hoped nothing would upset this. He then mentioned that there was a movement on foot, led by Senators Proxmire, Mondale and others to subject the Agency to tighter congressional control with the establishment of a joint watchdog committee. However, he said that so long as we cooperated so satisfactorily with the Foreign Relations Committee he doubted that this movement would gain much strength.

In conclusion I gave Marcy a marked copy of the article in question which he assured me Senator Fulbright would call to the attention of the full Committee.

2. [] Delivered to Carl Marcy the answers to questions submitted by Senator Case at the conclusion of the Director's testimony before the Committee on 7 July, together with answers to questions contained in a letter of 10 July 1970 to the Director from Senator Fulbright. I explained

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3. [] Met with Senator Milton Young who seemed favorably disposed to the suggestion that he insert in the Congressional Record the C. L. Sulzberger article in the New York Times of 22 July 1970.

I briefed Senator Young on recent developments in Southeast Asia, the Middle East and in Soviet surface-to-air missiles.

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